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TAGS: PFOR, EEC, US, XF

SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IN LUXEMBOURG

1. RELIABLE FONOFF REP INFORMS US THAT, FOLLOWING APRIL 1
EC COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG, THE EC-9 MINISTERS AND
POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL MEET TONIGHT FOR DINNER AND
SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN THE FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL COOPERA-
TION. THE MAIN TOPICS WILL BE THE STATE OF THE
COMMUNITY (FOLLOWING CALLAGHAN'S STATEMENT AT THE
COUNCIL ON RENEGOTIATION), U.S./EC RELATIONS AND THE EC
DIALOGUE WITH THE 19 ARAB STATES PLUS SOMALIA. OUR
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SOURCE SAID THE GERMANS HAD PROPOSED TONIGHT'S WORKING

DINNER AND THAT THE FRENCH AND BELGIANS HAD INSISTED
THAT THERE ALSO BE THE FOLLOW-UP MEETING.

2. FONOFF REP SAID THE FRENCH HAD DISCUSSED THE U.S./EC
CONSULTATION PROBLEM WITH THE GERMANS LAST WEEK IN BONN.
THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE FRENCH HAD, IN EFFECT, BEEN
AN ENLARGEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS LAST WEEK MADE BY
LECAT ON BEHALF OF POMPIDOU. THE FRENCH HAD SAID THEY
WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO WORKING OUT SENSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR INFORMATION AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S., BUT
THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT TAKE PART IN THE EC-9 DECISION-
MAKING PROCESS. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE FRENCH
ALSO HAD SHOWN SOME UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SPECIFIC
GERMAN PROPOSALS ON THE CONSULTATION PROBLEM.

3. FONOFF SOURCE SAID THE GERMANS WERE BASICALLY
ENCOURAGED BY THE "SOMEWHAT ENHANCED" GOOD WILL SHOWN
BY THE FRENCH LAST WEEK. BONN IS "NOT DISCOURAGED" ABOUT
PROSPECTS FOR TONIGHT'S DISCUSSION. COMMENT: THE MAJOR
REASON FOR GERMAN CAUTION SEEMS TO BE WHAT CALLAGHAN
IS LIKELY TO SAY AT THE COUNCIL MEETING AND THE LIKELY
FRENCH REACTION.
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